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DURING CONVERSATION DESCRIBING OUTCOME OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETINGS HERE LAST WEEK DCM TOOK OCCASION TO CONVEY TO RUTTEN US APPRECIATION FOR DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO US/EC-9 POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND OUR THANKS FOR HIS COOPERATION IN PROVIDING US WITH CANDID READ-OUT ON MEETINGS. AFTER EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL THANKS, RUTTEN SAID DUTCH WERE PLEASED WITH INFORMATION US HAD PROVIDED, EVEN THOUGH TIMES WE WERE UNDERSTANDABLY UNABLT TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS DUTCH MIGHT HAVE WISHED. HE ASSUMED WITH TIME LEVEL OF EXCHANGE WOULD CONTINUE TO RISE, AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE US WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF CHANNEL PROVIDED BY EC PRESIDENCY, ESPECIALLY ON SUBJECTS CONFIDENTIAL

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WHERE EUROPEAN SUPPORT COULD BE EFFECTIVE. AS EXAMPLE HE CITED RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL IMPACT OF US/EC-9 CONSULTATIONS IN CURRENT UNGA AND RECENT UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE WHERE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN FREQUENT AND DETAILED. AS OTHERS IN MFA HAVE DONE, RUTTEN MENTIONED AGAIN PROBLEMS POSED FOR PRESIDENCY WHEN US MADE INDIVIDUAL

APPROACHES TO EC-9 MEMBERS AT SAME TIME AS TO PRESIDENCY,
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